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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
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 Luke Mankin & Bryan McKersie)
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 Serial No. **09/940,550**) Art Unit: **1638**
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 Filed: **August 27, 2001**) Examiner: **David Fox**
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 For: **SELF-EXCISING POLYNUCLEOTIDES**)
 AND USES THEREOF)

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The amendments and remarks herein are responsive to the Office Action mailed on June 6, 2003, a response which is due September 6, 2003, without an extension of time. Applicants hereby request entry of the amendments, consideration of the appended remarks, and allowance of the above-identified application.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on **September 8, 2003**.

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